

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02860.0638-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re 1.53(b) Continuation Application of: )  
Noriki TACHIBANA et al. )  
Parent Application No.: 09/492,404 )  
Filed: March 11, 2004 ) Prior Group Art Unit: 2871  
For: CELLULOSE ESTER FILM, )  
PRODUCTION METHOD OF THE )  
SAME, FILM EMPLOYED IN )  
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY )  
MEMBER, AND POLARIZING )  
PLATE )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.